Unutilised machines at AIIMS

1556. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hi-tech machines used to repair medical equipments are rusting at AIIMS;

(b) whether among the 40 odd equipments donated by the Australian Government twenty have been declared discarded;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether services of the workshop employees are being utilized to the utmost possible?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) No, Sir. The Australian Government had donated machines to the Institute 33 years ago. The machines some of which became unserviceable and obsolete were recommended for condemnation by the Condemnation Board of AIIMS. The services of the Workshop Employees of the Institute are being utilised as per their skills for repairs of various machines/ equipments of the Institute.

ILL effects of mosquitoes repellents

†1557. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of mosquitoes are increasing continuously;

(b) whether mosquitoes repelling agents like Goodnight, Allout and Kachua Agarbatti are harmful to health; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) The mosquito revalence varies with season and usually increases during the monsoon season.

(b) and (c) A multicentric questionnaire based study carried out by ICMR's Malaria Research Centre, Delhi stated to have revealed that use of mosquito repellents manifest allergic reactions like

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.